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SUBJECT: ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS: SECRETARY RABASA AGAIN
COMMENTS PUBLICLY

REF: MEXICO 0026

1. WITH A FEW ILL-CHOSEN WORDS TO THE PRESS ON JANUARY 3, FONSECRETARY RABASA ONCE AGAIN HAS RAISED PUBLIC EXPECTATION CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF CONCLUDING A NEW BRACERO AGREEMENT. ALTHOUGH ACCOUNTS VARY, THERE IS A GENERAL CONSISTENCY IN REPORTING THAT RABASA STATED THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER EITHER LATE THIS MONTH OR EARLY IN FEBRUARY (BUT IN ANY CASE PRIOR TO LATIN AMERICAN FONMIN CONFERENCE) TO GIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION TO THIS PROBLEM. HE EVIDENTLY REITERATED ESSENTIAL 3 POINTS CONTAINED IN HIS NOVEMBER 2 AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH HE DELIVERED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER. ACCOUNTS IN LA PRENSA AND EL SOL INDICATE THAT HE MAY HAVE BEEN PRESSED TO QUANTIFY "SUPPLY AND DEMAND" RULES WHICH WOULD GOVERN NUMBERS UNDER ANY NEW AGREEMENT. REPORTEDLY HE RESPONDED ALONG LINES THAT MEXICO COULD ONLY BE GUIDED BY NUMBER OF "DEPORTATIONS" WHICH HAD EXCEEDED 500,000 DURING LAST CALENDAR YEAR.

2. RABASA'S UNFORTUNATE STATEMENTS OF OPTIMISM IN
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REGARD TO NEW BRACERO AGREEMENT ARE IN MARKED CONTRAST TO

MORE REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA
(REFTEL).
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